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In re the Application of: TABATA, Seiichiro

Serial No.: 10/611,963

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Group Art Unit: 2671

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 19, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonpovisional Application dated September 29, 2003, a preliminary amendment is submitted herewith.

The notice indicated that Fig. 8D described in the specification appears to have been omitted. However, there is no Fig. 8D. Accordingly, a preliminary amendment is filed herewith which amends the specification to delete reference to Fig. 8D.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Preliminary Amendment

Notice of Omitted Item(s)

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